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EXPRESSING HETEROLOGOUS GENES IN  
HEPATOCYTES USING HEPADNAVIRAL  
VECTORS*

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), through November 24, 2000, in which to respond to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 24, 2000. *In lieu* of a Response, a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) is being filed concurrently herewith.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$890.00, based on large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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